

2006-2007 Fulbright Conflict Resolution Program Announced

1. Summary: The bureau of educational and cultural affairs is pleased to announce the competition for the 2006-2007 fulbright conflict resolution program. This program is designed to enhance non-governmental efforts to resolve political, social and sectarian conflicts and will bring to the U.S. upto ten post-baccalaureate/pre-doctoral candidates from the North Africa and GCC region to work together on issues of relevance to the region.

2. Program design: Grantees will be affiliated with eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, virginia, an institution with a strong reputation in the field of conflict resolution. EMU's conflict transformation program is recognized for its particular attention to Track II diplomacy and peace building. While involving all levels in society, the program has a particular focus on the grassroots and mid-level actors in resolving conflicts and building peace. Put another way, the program will give participants a multidimensional view of applied conflict resolution in addition to the theoretical framework of sustainable peacebuilding. It is designed for individuals with some level of experience in conflict management, humanitarian assistance, restorative justice, advocacy, human rights, or development activities. More information on EMU's conflict transformation program (which will change its name to the center for justice and peace building) is available at www.emu.edu/ctp

A. Degree option: Grantees will choose either a Master of Arts degree or a non-degree graduate certificate with official transcript. Grantees must indicate which option they wish to pursue in their applications. Students collaborate with their faculty advisor in designing a curriculum that meets their individual needs. Both options include a practical training component.

3. Supplementary program requirements: All grantees will be expected to engage in academic and enrichment activities that further their understanding of, and practice in, conflict management.

A. Academic training: Grantees will engage in practical training for at least eight weeks with an institution or non-governmental organization in the U.S. specific to their field of interest.

B. Enrichment seminar: Visiting students will participate in a Fulbright enrichment seminar hosted by the Institute for International Education. The enrichment seminars take place regionally throughout the U.S. in the spring.

C. Professional conference: Grantees will be funded to participate in a conference that attracts NGO representatives, scholars, practitioners and other interested individuals to explore a wide variety of topics relevant to the field and/or region.

4. Nomination and selection criteria: Public Affairs section solicits applications from qualified candidates for the fulbright conflict resolution program. Each candidate should

submit a standard fulbright visiting student application, using the applicable on-line application from amideast or iie. Paper applications will be eligible as long as the applications are complete and received by the deadline. Applicants must be able to demonstrate the following:

- A. A bachelor's degree;
- B. Official transcripts;
- C. A toefl score of 600 (250 cbt);
- D. Academic and/or professional interest or experience in an area relevant to conflict Resolution; and
- E. Indicate how the fulbright conflict resolution grant will further their personal and Professional development and contribute to their home communities.

Applicants should also indicate which academic option they are applying for - degree or Non-degree/certificate.

5. Last Date: The application must be submitted by October 15, 2005.

6. Additional information: For additional information on the program please contact the Public affairs section in the U.S. Embassy at phone 4884101 ext. 6068 or by email at PASDoha@state.gov